



2024-2025

**Blackfeet Nation Fish & Wildlife
Annual Hunting Regulations**

Resolution No. 573-2024

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Mission Statement

The Blackfeet People are traditionally defined both historically and contemporarily by our involvement to preserve and protect the environment on a spiritual, social and cultural level. It is the mission that the traditions of the Blackfeet People for future generations, through our unique and inherent relationship with the rights regarding subsistence gathering, hunting, fishing, trapping and other related activities, will be protected and upheld to the greatest extent possible. Such promotion and preservation of these traditions shall be practiced through education, management, cooperation and research.

Sovereign Authority

Pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws for the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, 1935, Article VI, Section 1(p), the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council is empowered to “promulgate rules and regulations governing fishing, hunting and trapping on the Blackfeet Reservation” through the Blackfeet Nation Fish and Wildlife Code at Chapter 16 of the Blackfeet Law and Order Code; and, Treaties and agreements between the Blackfeet Tribe and the United States Government including all future United States Congressional Acts and United States Supreme Court case law, empowering the Blackfeet Tribe’s Sovereign Right to govern hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering fruit, curing meat, dressing robes and all activity related to such rights whether such activity is within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Reservation or in traditional hunting areas.

Pursuant to Blackfeet Tribal Ordinance 121, person(s) intending to hunt, fish or recreate within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation will:

1. All hunters shall follow current regulations issued by Blackfeet Incident Command.
2. Purchase tags online at blackfeetfishandwildlife.net, or over the phone by calling the Blackfeet Fish & Wildlife Dept. at (406) 338-7207;
3. Comply with all social-distancing, and CDC; and
4. guidelines pertaining to COVID-19, and comply with the provisions established in Blackfeet Tribal Ordinance 121.

OUTFITTER RESPONSIBILITIES

It will be the responsibility of each Outfitter to ensure that:

1. The Outfitter and the Client(s) thereof follow current CDC Guidelines and the provisions of Ordinance #121.
2. The Outfitter must immediately notify Blackfeet Incident Command if they themselves, their client(s), or a person in their client's party shows/develops any symptoms of COVID-19, and the hunt must be postponed until incident command authorizes further activity.

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) the privilege to Hunt, Fish, Recreate, and otherwise participate in Blackfeet Nation Fish and Wildlife activities may be suspended without notice, by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council. It is your responsibility to check with the Blackfeet Nation Fish and Wildlife Department for any changes/restrictions/updates.

PART I. HUNTING ZONE REGULATION

Zone 1. Boulder/Flattop Area and west side of Lower St. Mary Lake. Beginning from the community of St. Mary West to Glacier National Park Boundary continuing North to Sherburne Dam and the Many Glacier Roadway following the road to East and North across to the St. Mary River, continuing South back to the Bridge on Highway 89 on the South end of Babb Flat and following the Highway back to St. Mary.

1. **Rules:** This area is closed to any vehicle. This area will be restricted to foot and/or horseback use only. Hunting season established. Vehicles are allowed when approved by a game warden for the purposes of carrying out legally taken game.

Fine-\$1,000.00

2. **Rules:** Carrying of long gun illegal; exceptions holder of Special Lottery tag and/or Non-Member Special Hunting tag. **Fine-\$1,000.00**

Zone 2. The area along the Rocky Mountain front,

beginning on the North end of the North Fork Ranch road, and continues South to the road's intersection with Highway 464 Duck Lake Road, continues South into Browning and follows Highway 89 South, to the Southern boundary of the Reservation at Birch Creek. Birch Creek West to Swift Dam and running North back to the Canadian Border adjacent to Glacier National Park.

Zone 2A West. Tower Ridge, Yellow Mountain and Chief Mountain areas, North of Many Glacier Road, to Glacier National Park Boundary, West of Highway 89 and South of Highway 17.

- 1. Rules:** This area is closed to vehicle use. All hunters will park at Staging Area. Vehicles are allowed when approved by a game warden for the purposes of carrying out legally taken game during the general hunting season. This area will be restricted to foot and horseback use only **Fine-\$1,000.00**

Zone 2A East. Starting at the Junction of Highway 89 and Montana 464 at St. Mary River Bridge, follow Highway 89 North to the Junction of Camp Nine Road

and follow the road East to the North Fork Ranch road (Galbreath Road), to Junction of Montana 464 up to the junction of highway 89.

- 1. Rules:** This area is closed to vehicle use. All hunters will park at Staging Areas. Vehicles are allowed when approved by a game warden for the purposes of carrying out legally taken game during the general hunting season. This area will be restricted to foot and horseback only, and is designated as a special hunting zone for elderly by use of Motor Vehicles that are not Off-road vehicles. Walk-in hunters must contact game wardens and request assistance retrieving legally harvested big game. **Fine-\$1,000.00**

Zone 3. All lands on the Eastern part of the reservation, East of the following roads: North Fork Ranch Road North straight to the Canadian Border and East of Montana 464 and Highway 89 to the Southern Boundary of the reservation.

- 1. Rules:** Zone 3 is a Special Subsistence Hunting Area. Subsistence hunting is allowed after the general hunting season for the harvest of antlered Bull Elk or Whitetail Buck, closing 1st Sunday of

March through 3rd Sunday of July. No tags required, but all takes must be reported to the Department within 24 hours. **Fine-\$1,000.00**

***All Bull Elk or Whitetail Bucks harvested from this area must be sampled for CWD at Designated Locations as specified on the Blackfeet Nation Fish and Wildlife Website.**

Zone 4. All Lands South of BIA Route 2, (East Glacier to Heart Butte Cut-Across Road) beginning with its intersection of Highway 2 just West of East Glacier, continuing East towards the Junction of the Dog Gun Lake Road, South to the Lewis and Clark National Forest Boundary and back North to Highway 2.

1. Rules: Zone 4 is designated Bow hunting for Tribal members only. **Rules: Zone 4 is designated Bow hunting for Tribal members only. 1; Exceptions: (1) holder of Special Lottery tag; and/or Enrolled Member/Descendant crossing the Reservation to access Zone 5; and/or Non-member Special Hunting Tag. Zone 5.. Fine-\$1,000.00**

Zone 5. Lands known as the “Ceded Strip” within the boundaries from north fork of Birch Creek westerly to the Continental Divide, then northerly on

the Continental Divide, then easterly along Hwy 2 to the west boundary of the Blackfeet Reservation. Motorized vehicles are prohibited in this area.

1. **Rules:** Vehicles and Pack animals are allowed when approved by a game warden for the purposes of carrying out legally taken game.
2. **Rules:** Current Hunting regulations and ONLY Enrolled Tribal Member tags will extend onto Zone 5 the ceded strip.
3. **Rules:** Non Member tags will not extend onto the ceded strip. State tags will govern non-member hunters in this area.

PART II. STAGING AREA LOCATIONS

Hunters must park at posted Staging Areas and shall either walk or ride horseback into the specific hunting zones. Hunters are restricted from driving through Staging Areas.

Zone 1: Staging areas designated for this Zone shall be at the Iron Gate on the north end of the Lower St. Mary Lake's west shore road and the Little Canada turnout on the Many Glacier Roadway. North of Pendergrass cabin lands.

Zone 2: Restricted vehicle access is allowed for elders only.

Zone 2A (West):

● **Chief Mountain Road Staging Areas – Montana**

Highway 17:

Across the road from Burns Sawmill, Slide Lake Road by cattle guard east of Crusher Hill Pullout and approach across from Bob Fullerton's place.

● **Yellow Mountain Staging area:** Kennedy Creek crossing south of fence line (near Glacier National Park boundary) and north of Tower Ridge and picnic table.

● **Many Glacier Road Staging Area:** Little Canada turnout and Camp 5 turnout.

Zone 2A (East):

- **Duck Lake Head Bay Staging Area:** West end of Duck Lake.
- **Spider Lake Staging Area:** Anywhere along the canal road east of Spider Lake and west of Iron Bridge crossing on St. Mary Canal.
- **North Fork Road Staging Area:** Near the garbage bin along the road a mile north of Duck Lake Road.

PART III. HUNTING SEASON AND LICENSING

2024-2025 Hunting Seasons and General Licensing Costs

Bow Season	Bow Season begins on the 1st Saturday of September and ends at sundown on the 2nd Friday of October.
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Rifle Season	Rifle Season begins the morning after Bow Season ends, and lasts until sundown on the 3rd Sunday of December.
Elderly Tribal Members	Blackfeet Tribal members over the age of 60 will receive a General Hunting Permit free of charge. Individuals claiming such permits may be allowed automobile access (no ATVS, UTVs, SNOWMOBILE) into certain hunting zones, pursuant to these annual regulations. If an elderly tag holder is using helpers, the helpers cannot possess firearms in Zone 2A East. The tag holder can have up to 2 helpers, the must be a Member and/or Descendant.
Tribal Member General Hunting License	Tribal Member General Hunting License Costs twenty (\$20.00). The License will authorize the take of one (either-sex) Elk, two (either-sex) Whitetail Deer, and one Mule Deer Buck with forked antlers or larger only.
Tribal Member Antelope	A Member can purchase a separate antelope license (one only) for \$5.00.

Tribal Member Spring and Fall Black Bear	A Member can purchase a separate black bear license (up to two tags if available) for \$5.00. Twenty total tags will be made available by the BFWD
Tribal Member Gray Wolf	There is no cost or bag limit for Gray Wolves for Tribal Members. All harvested animals must be inspected by a game warden within 24 hours of take. Trapping is permitted with certification.
Tribal Member Mtn Lion	Mountain Lions can be taken at will by members. No tag required and no bag limit.
Tribal Member Mtn Goat	A Member can purchase a separate Mountain Goat (either sex) license for \$10.00.
Tribal Member Trapping	There is no cost for member trapping. Landowner permission required. Must Carry Tribal I.D.
Tribal Member Small Game	There is no cost for Members to hunt small game. Landowner permission required. Must carry Tribal I.D.

<p>Non Member Spouse of Enrolled Tribal Member</p>	<p>Member Spouse General Hunting License \$35.00. The license will authorize the take of one cow elk and one whitetail deer (either sex). Member Spouses are not eligible for special lottery tags, and must purchase a conservation/recreation license/permit in order to purchase a General Hunting License.</p>
<p>Elderly Descendant</p>	<p>Elderly Descendants over the age of 60 can purchase a General Hunting Permit for \$20.00. Individuals claiming such permits will be allowed vehicle access into certain hunting zones. If an elderly tag holder is using helpers the helpers cannot possess firearms in the Goose Lake area/ Zone 2A East. The tag holder can have up to 2 helpers. Helpers who must be a Member and/or Descendant</p>
<p>Descendant General Hunting License</p>	<p>Descendant General Hunting License \$25.00. The license will authorize the take of one cow elk and one whitetail deer (either sex).</p>
<p>Descendant Gray Wolf</p>	<p>Descendants can Harvest Gray Wolves at will. Must be reported to the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife</p>

	Department within 24hrs after harvest. Trapping Illegal	
Descendant Trapping	Descendants can purchase a furbearer trapping license for \$5.00	
Descendant Small Game	There is no cost for Descendants to hunt small game. Landowner permission required. Must carry Tribal I.D. or photo I.D. with proof of Descendancy	
Non-Member	Non-Members may purchase a Non-Member Special Big Game Hunting License Tag and are required to hunt with an approved Department Licensed Outfitter. The following big game tags are authorized:	
	Moose	Moose 4 (Bulls only) tags sold by bid starting at \$14,000 each
	Bull Elk	Bull Elk (brow tined) 5 tags are available at a minimum of \$12,000;
	White tail Deer	Whitetail Deer (either sex) 5 tags are available at \$2000 each.
	Mule Deer	Mule Deer 4 (Bucks) sold at bid starting at \$3,500 each

Spring and Fall Black Bear	Spring and Fall Black Bear tags are \$750 each. 20 will be available in the Spring, and 30 available in the Fall. Tags do not transfer seasons.
Antelope	Antelope 15 tags available for \$1000 each
Big Horn Sheep	Bighorn Sheep 1 tag sold by bid starting at \$35,000 each – (Even Years)
Mountain Lion	Mountain Lion Tags 10 tags are available for \$1000 each
Trophy Mountain Lion	Mountain Lion Trophy Permit available for zone 1 and zone 4 2 tags available \$5000 each. (Must Contact BFWD)
Mountain Goat	Mountain Goat 1 tag for sale at \$5,000 each.
Gray Wolf	Gray Wolf are available for \$100 each, and are individually sold at the discretion of the Blackfeet Nation Fish and Wildlife Department. Trapping Illegal

	Special Trapping and/or Predator Control)	A non-member can purchase a Special Trapping and/or Predator Control License for \$100.00 *Can only trap beaver *Can trap or hunt coyotes
	Small Game	Non-Members must purchase a license for \$30.00, and landowner permission required.

GENERAL BOW SEASON

Who	Permit	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Tribal Member	Elk		X	X		X
	White tail Deer		X	X		X
	Mule Deer		X	X		X
	Antelope		X	X		
	Fall Black Bear		X	X		
Descendant	Cow Elk		X	X		

	Whitetail Deer		X	X		
Non-Member	Big Horn	X	X			
	Moose		X	X		
	Bull Elk	X	X	X		
	White tail Deer		X	X		
	Mule Deer		X	X		
	Antelope		X	X		
	Fall Black Bear		X	X		
	Mountain Goat	X	X			
	Mountain Lion	X	X	X	X	
	Permit	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5

GENERAL RIFLE SEASON

Who	Permit	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Tribal Member	Elk		X	X		X
	Whitetail Deer		X	X		X
	Mule Deer		X	X		X
	Antelope		X	X		
	Mountain Goat		X			X
	Fall Black Bear		X	X		
Descendant	Cow Elk		X	X		
	Whitetail Deer		X	X		
Non-Member	Big Horn	X				
	Moose		X	X		
	Bull Elk	X	X	X		

	White tail Deer	X	X	X		
	Mule Deer		X	X		
	Antelope		X	X		
	Fall Black Bear		X	X		
	Mountain Goat	X	X			
	Permit	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5

2024-2025 Enrolled Tribal Member Special Lottery Hunts

Season	What Animal	Tags Available	Cost Per Chance	Total Chance	Hunting Zones
Bow Season	Bull Moose	(5) Five tags Avail	\$5.00	\$200.00	Zone 2 Zone 3 Zone 5
Bow Season	Bull Elk	(5) Five Tags Avail	\$5.00	\$200.00	Zone 1

Rifle Season	Big Horn (Every Other Year)	(1) One Tag Avail	\$5.00	\$200.00	Zone 1
Rifle Season	Bull Moose	(5) Five Tags Avail	\$5.00	\$200.00	Zone 2 Zone 3 zone 5
Rifle Season	Bull Elk	(5) Five Tags Avail	\$5.00	\$200.00	Zone 1
Rifle Season	Bull Elk	(5) Five Tags Avail	\$5.00	\$200.00	Zone 4
Nov. 1- Nov. 30, 2024	Mule Deer Rut Hunt	(5) Five Tags Avail	\$5.00	\$200.00	All except Zone 5
Nov. 1- Nov. 30, 2024	Whitetail Deer Rut Hunt	(5) Five Tags Avail	\$5.00	\$200.00	All except Zone 5
Nov. 21- Jan. 15, 2025	Buffalo	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Season	What Animal	Tags Available	Cost Per Chance	Total Chance	Hunting Zones
NOTICE:					
<p>Harvesting an animal pursuant to a successful bow lottery hunt will result make the hunter ineligible for Rifle Draw for the same year.</p> <p>Successful draw will eliminate chances for the next 2 years.</p>					

2024-2025 Enrolled Member Special Hunt/Trap

Season	What Animal	Amount available for Harvest and Restrictions	Hunting Zones
Bow Season & Rifle Season	Fisher	Open to Tribal Members. No Cost. Limited to 1 kill per year, per person, on a first come first serve basis. Must be immediately reported to the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife	TBD by tag

		Department. 48 hour notice for season closure.	
Bow Season & Rifle Season	Bobcat	Open to Tribal Members. No Cost. Limited to 1 kill per year, per person, on a first come first serve basis. Must be immediately reported to the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department. 48 hour notice for season closure.	TBD by tag

2024-2025 Descendant Special Lottery Hunts

Season	What Animal	Tags Available	Cost Per Chance	Total Chance	Hunting Zones
Bow and Rifle Season	Bull Elk	(1) One Tags Avail	\$5.00	\$200.00	Zone 2; & Zone 3
Bow Season	Antelope	(5) Five Tags Avail	\$5.00	\$200.00	Zone 2 & Zone 3

Rifle Season	Antelope	(5) Five Tags Avail	\$5.00	200.00	Zone 2 & Zone 3
Nov. 1- Nov. 30, 2024	Mule Deer Rut Hunt	(3) Three Tags Avail	\$10.00	\$200.00	all except zone 5
Nov. 1- Nov. 30, 2024	Whitetail Deer Rut Hunt	(5) Five Tags Avail	\$5.00	\$200.00	All Except zone 5
Nov. 21- Feb. 16, 2025	Buffalo	TBD	TBD	TBD	

**2024-2025 Enrolled Tribal Member Off Reservation
(Yellowstone) Hunt**

Season	What Animal	Tags/Permit Available	Cost Per Tag/Permit	Hunting Zones
Bow Season	First Saturday in September, 2024 to Second Friday in October, 2024.			
Rifle Season	Rifle Season: Either Sex from the Second Saturday in October to March 31, 2025; Bull Bison may be harvested from April 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025			

Regulations	In addition to the Blackfeet Nation Fish and Wildlife Code, and these Annual Hunting Regulations, Tribal Members must comply with all National Forest Service and National Park Service regulations while participating in Off Reservation Hunts.			
Bow and Rifle Season	One Buffalo Either Sex until march 31; Bulls only April 1 until may 31	5 tags per person	\$20.00	Map provided by Fish and Game
Bow and Rifle Season	One Elk Either Sex	5 tags per person	\$20.00	Map provided by Fish and Game

Bow and Rifle Season	One Whitetail or Mule Deer either sex	5 tags per person	\$20.00	Map provided by Fish and Game (Mandatory CWD Testing)
Elders 60	No charge for license. Must pick up a license before hunting.			
NOTICE: Harvesting in the Off Reservation Hunting Area (Yellowstone) without a tag/permit is subject to a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00				
When in Yellowstone there will be flags in the shooting area (Beattie Gulch) when the flags are up no shooting shall take place.				

Mountain Lion (Rifle)

Season 1: begins on October 15, 2024 and ends on December 19, 2024

Season 2: begins on January 1, 2025 and ends on March 31, 2025

Who	Permit	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Tribal Member	Mountain Lion	X	X	X	X	

Non-Member	Mountain Lion		X	X		
Non-Member	Mountain Lion Trophy	X			X	

**Gray Wolf (Rifle)
Year Round.**

Who	Permit	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Tribal Member	Gray Wolf		X	X		
Descendant	Gray Wolf		X	X		
Non-Member	Gray Wolf		X	X		

INCENTIVE

Tribal Members harvesting Mountain Lion or Gray Wolf shall receive one free chance in the next year's lottery for an Elk tag in ANY zone. All Harvests Must be reported before Fish and game fun day.

All licensed hunters in zones 1 and 4 may take wolves at will.
Must report wolf harvest.

Spring Black Bear Season (Rifle)

Season Begins the Second Saturday of April, 2025 to the Third Saturday of June, 2025

Who	Permit	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Tribal Member	Black Bear		X	X		
Non-Member	Black Bear		X	X		

Small Game Hunting

Open Year Round for Tribal Members and Descendants
Non-Member Season from March 1st until August 31st

Who	Permit	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Tribal Member	Not Required		X	X		
Descendant	Small Game		X	X		
Non-Member	Small Game		X	X		

Furbearer Trapping

Last Monday of September until April 30th

Who	Permit	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Tribal Member	Furbearer /Trapping		X	X		
Descendant	Furbearer /Trapping		X	X		
Non-Member	Special Trapping/ Predator Control		X	X		

PART IV: FISHING

2024-2025 Cost of Fishing Permits and Annual Fishing Regulations

Who	Permit	Daily	Three Day	Annual
Tribal Member	Fishing	Permit not required. Must carry Tribal I.D.		

Descendant	Fishing	Permit not required. Must carry Tribal I.D. or photo I.D. and proof of Descendancy		
Non-Member	Fishing	\$30.00	\$75.00	\$150.00

Spouses of Tribal Members and Spouses of Descendants may purchase an Annual Fishing License for \$30.00

Discounted Permit: Medical, Law Enforcement, Blackfeet Tribal Employees, and Fire Management Personnel providing essential services to the Blackfeet Nation may purchase an Annual Fishing License for \$30.00

FISHING DAILY LIMITS

Species	Daily Possession Limit
Trout (Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Arctic Grayling)	3 fish only 1 may be over 20 Inches and only 1 fish may be Brown Trout
Brook Trout	Unlimited. No Restrictions
Bull Trout	CLOSED Immediate RELEASE upon incidental Catch.
Lake Trout	2 only 1 may be over 20 inches
Whitefish	10

Burbot (Ling)	3 only 1 may be over 24 inches
Sauger/Walleye	5 only 1 may be over 20 inches
Northern Pike at Hope lake	No Restrictions
White or Longnose Suckers	No Restrictions (dispatch and return to water source)
West Slope Cutthroat Trout	Catch and Release only

FISHING SEASON & HOURS

Non-Member Season	Area
Third Saturday of May- to the Last Saturday of November	Rivers and Streams
All Anglers All Year	Lakes and Reservoirs
<p>Fishing prohibited ½ hour before sunrise; and, ½ hour after sunset. No watercraft or ice fishing house shall be on a lake during closed hours.</p>	

PART V: BIRD HUNTING

2024-2025 Bird Hunting Season and Annual Regulations Bird (Migratory Waterfowl/Upland) Hunting Permit Cost

All Migratory Waterfowl Hunters shall purchase Federal Migratory Duck Stamp

Blackfeet Tribal Members – no cost; Must carry Tribal I.D.

Descendants – no cost; Must carry Tribal I.D. or photo I.D. with proof of Descendancy.

Non-Member \$120.00; Must also have Conservation/Recreation Permit which is good for 1 year all activities involved in recreation; Hunting Permit shall be valid for 7 days after the date of purchase.

Bird Hunting Season

Season	Permit	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Season Begins on September 1, and ends on January 1.	All Birds (except Male Ring Necked Pheasant, Scaup & Migratory Waterfowl)		X	X		
Season Begins on Second Saturday of October, and	Male Ring Necked Pheasant		X	X		

ends on November 30.						
Season Begins on September 1, and ends on December 24.	Scaup		X	X		
Federal Pacific Flyway Regulations apply	Migratory Waterfowl		X	X		

BIRD DAILY LIMITS

Species	Daily Possession Limit
Hungarian Partridges	7
Male Ring-Necked Pheasant	3
Ruffed Grouse	3
Sharp Tail Grouse	3
Blue Grouse	3
Spruce Grouse	3
Aggregate of all Grouse	3 per day
Ducks and Mergansers	7 Total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 hen mallard ● 1 pintail ● 2 redhead ● 2 canvasback

	● 3 scaup
Coot	35
White Geese (Snow, Blue, Ross)	5
Dark Geese	4
Aggregate of all Geese	5
One wing must be naturally attached for identification	

**PART VII. 2024-2025 BLACKFEET
ENDANGERED SPECIES FINES**

Wolverine	\$1,000
Swift Fox	\$1,000
Lynx	\$1,000
Grizzly Bear	\$30,000
Eagle	\$5,000
Bull Trout (closed to all fishing)	\$1,000
Roberts Creek; Cold Wind; Midvale Above Pursuit Dam. Closed	\$1,000
Divide, Boulder, Otatso, Lee Creek, Midvale Creek Below Pursuit Dam, Wild Creek,	\$1,000

<p>Middle Fork of Lee, Cold Wind Creek, Kennedy, Swift Current.</p> <p>Catch and release only</p> <p>No barbed hooks.</p> <p>CLOSED TO NON-MEMBER.</p>	
<p>*Loss of Hunting and fishing Privileges</p> <p>*Time period at discretion of Commission</p> <p>*Animal Forfeited to BFWD</p>	

PART VIII. RECREATION/CONSERVATION PERMIT COST AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Recreation/Conservation Permit Costs. This permit allows non-members to recreate on the Blackfeet

Reservation. The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, shall restrict and/or close any area of the Reservation as needed for safety, over-use and wildlife management reasons.

A. *Members and Descendants.* No cost.

B. *Non-Member Recreation/Conservation Permit.*

The cost is \$20, which permits the user recreational access on the Blackfeet Lands.

C. *Recreational Vehicle Permit Cost.* The cost is \$50, which permits the user recreational vehicle use on the Blackfeet Reservation. Permit is for recreational vehicle use only on established two-track roads and landowner permission required; decal provided.

PART VIX. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT REGULATION

**A. *Harassing Wildlife/Antler Hunting and
Gathering of Wildlife Parts.***

- No person shall drive or harass any antlered animals to make antlers fall off wildlife
- No antler hunting before April 2nd or After December 30th.
- Antler hunting is prohibited for Non-members.
- All antlers taken off reservation must have an export permit.
- All buyers, of antlers and horns, must have a Blackfeet Tribal Business License.

B. Flattop Lake and Flattop Area.

- Fishing is permitted, except during the general hunting season.
- Area closed to motorized vehicles, enter by horseback or foot only.
- No camping is permitted in this area at any time.
Exception: Bighorn Sheep Tag Holder

C. Gathering of Animal Parts.

- Only Members and Descendants can gather, retrieve or hunt antlers and/or gather wildlife parts on the Blackfeet Reservation. It shall be illegal for anyone to hunt/gather Bighorn

Sheep horns or skulls on the Blackfeet Reservation.

D. Catch-and-Release and Closed Areas. The following regulations shall govern catch and release and closed areas for fishing.

1. *Closed Areas.* Roberts Creek; Cold Wind; Midvale Above Pursuit Dam.
2. *Feeder Canals and Waterways Season.* All feeder canals and streams flowing into the following waters shall be CLOSED to fishing from March 15 until the 3rd Saturday in May:

(Leased land does not entitle members to take fish from Feeders or Canals.)

- Dog Gun Lake (Deep Creek)
- Four Horns Lake (entire Four Horns Feeder Canal)
- Mission Lake (Feeder Canal from the Two Medicine Main Canal to mouth)
- Kipp Lake (Feeder Canal from Willow Creek to mouth)

- Hidden Lake
3. General Hunting Season Waterway Closure. Flattop Lake and Goose Lake shall be closed to fishing during General Hunting Season.
 4. CAUTION: Some Lakes may have Aerators – Open water and poor ice conditions may occur during winter months. It shall be unlawful to interfere with, retrieve or molest any BFWD net, trap, weir, buoy, or other piece of equipment or property.

E. Chronic Wasting Notice

- The Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department was notified, by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (MFWP), that a tribal hunter harvested a whitetail deer from the Meriweather Road area which tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

F. What Is Chronic Wasting Disease?

- **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)** is an always fatal, contagious, neurological disease affecting deer species (including reindeer), elk, and moose. It causes a characteristic spongy degeneration of the brains of infected animals resulting in emaciation, abnormal behavior, loss of bodily functions and death.
- NO Carcass, Scatt or specimens shall be brought within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Reservation. Fine \$10,000.00.

G. Hunting Regulations Pursuant to the Blackfeet Nation Fish and Wildlife Code the following activities are prohibited:

- The transporting of carcasses from areas, or states, infected with Chronic Wasting Disease;
- The transport and/or relocation of wild cervids (Deer, Elk, Moose, etc)

- All baiting and/or feeding of cervids;
- The use of cervid lures, (such as artificial game scents). **Fine \$10,000.00**

H. Hunter Responsibilities: As of the date of the passing of these annual regulations, every hunter on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation must adhere to the following.

- Stop and consent to a game inspection at every established Game Check Station
- In order to receive a transport permit all hunters must provide BFWD with CWD testing information (including harvested game sent to a taxidermist and/or meat processor)
- CWD Testing is mandatory in all zones.
- Immediately report suspected CWD infected animals to the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department. **Fine \$10,000.00**

I. What Happens if My Animal Harvested is Suspected or Believed to be Infected With CWD?

In the event that an animal harvested is suspected or believed to be infected with CWD the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department will send the appropriate samples into the State Lab for confirmation.

- If it is confirmed that the harvested animal does in fact have CWD than the hunter will be furnished another tag, at no additional cost to the hunter.
- When testing has completed, the hunter may elect to keep any trophies from the infected animal; so long as the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department can ensure that the CWD has been appropriately removed (disinfected) from said trophy.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGE AMOUNTS FOR SPECIFIC FISH AND WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

BIG GAME

	Either Sex
Deer	\$100.00 to \$500.00
Antelope	\$100.00 to \$500.00
Bear	\$1,500.00 to \$3,000.00
Elk	\$1,000.00 to \$12,000.00
Moose	\$14,000.00 to \$35,000.00
Bighorn	\$3,000.00 to \$90,000.00
Mtn Goat	\$3,000.00 to \$30,000.00
Mtn Lion	\$500.00 to \$1,000.00

UPLAND/WATERFOWL GAME/BIRDS

Either Sex

Ducks	\$75.00
Geese	\$75.00
Pheasants	\$50.00
Grouse	\$50.00
Mourning Dove	\$60.00
Hungarian Partridge	\$75.00
Loons (Givviforms)	\$150.00
Grebes (Podicipediformes)	\$150.00
Cranes, Rails, Coots (Ciconiiformes)	\$150.00
Shorebirds, gulls, and terns, (Charadriiformes)	\$150.00

FISH

All fish, regardless of species, will have a value of \$10.00 per inch. Exception: This does not apply to sucker fish.

FURBEARERS

Either Sex

Coyote	\$100.00
Fox	\$125.00
Rabbits	\$45.00
Beaver	\$125.00
Bobcat	\$1,000.00
Mink	\$550.00
Raccoon	\$125.00
Weasel	\$120.00
Badger	\$120.00
Porcupine	\$120.00
Wolverine	\$500.00
Otters	\$120.00
Fishers	\$120.00
Pine-Martin	\$120.00

